

HOUSE RESOLUTION 367

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Boy Scout Troop 108 on their 108<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those estimable organizations and citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, Boy Scout Troop 108 is one such entity, which is celebrating its 108<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, chartered by the United Methodist Men at Cookeville First United Methodist Church, Boy Scout Troop 108 was founded in Cookeville in 1912 as Troop 1; the troop became Troop 12 in 1928 before settling as Troop 108 in 1930; and

WHEREAS, the troop's first Scoutmaster was Ralph Howard Wirt; the newly formed troop decided to take a weeklong hike to Chattanooga to deliver a letter from the mayor of Cookeville; these boys braved blisters, warm weather, and a spartan dinner of crackers during their daunting adventure; and

WHEREAS, Troop 108 has produced more than 135 Eagle Scouts, including Alard Harding, who was the first Eagle Scout in Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, the troop's alumni have gone on to become leaders in their communities as attorneys, judges, doctors, nurses, and business people; many have also given back to the Boy Scouts of America, serving as assistant scoutmasters, members of the district Eagle board, and Cub Scout leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America teaches youth "to do a good turn daily" and serve their community; each youth is instructed in the Scout Law, which says "[a] scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and

reverent." Its oath states "[o]n my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."; and

WHEREAS, Troop 108 prepared the leaders of previous generations, and Troop 108 continues to grow and train future generations of leaders for our community and great State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Boy Scout Troop 108 on their 108<sup>th</sup> anniversary and wish them many more years of prosperity as they train the leaders of tomorrow.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.